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Baucus Comments on Canada's Decision To Call Off Softwood Lumber Negotiations

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Senator Max Baucus, ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, issued the following statement in response to Canada's decision to call off softwood lumber negotiations:

"I am deeply disappointed by Canada's decision to walk away from the softwood lumber negotiations scheduled for next week. These talks offered both sides a real chance to roll up their sleeves and craft a durable resolution to this dispute. It is unfortunate that Canada has chosen to pass up this opportunity.

"I hope that the parties can resume the negotiations soon. The alternative is endless litigation – including further trade remedy cases and a constitutional challenge to the NAFTA dispute settlement mechanism.

"While I support ending the dispute through negotiation, I will continue to work with the U.S. lumber industry in seeking an end to unfair Canadian softwood lumber subsidies."

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